

YESTERDAY'S WEATHER  
U. S. WEATHER BUREAU  
March 18, 1918. Forecast:  
Four hours' rain, 200  
feet, strong, gusty, 200  
feet, rather, 200 feet.

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FOOD FORECAST FOR TODAY  
All Meats Meatless and one Wholesome

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## ALLIED FORCES NOW THREATEN OFFENSIVE AS HUNS HOLD BACK

Verdun and Vosges Sectors Are  
Likely To Soon Be Storm Center  
If Advertised German Drive  
Fails To Materialize

## BELGIAN FORCES ARE AGAIN REORGANIZED

Now Occupy Sector in Flanders  
and Have Day of Hard and  
Successful Battling — Ameri-  
can Positions Heavily Shelled

WASHINGTON, March 19—(Associated Press)—In the absence of the long promised and greatly over-advertised "German Offensive," the Allies are threatening to take the initiative. They have been and are holding their own everywhere on the Western front and results of the past several weeks have been highly encouraging to them.

It is indicated that if the Allies do launch great offensives the Verdun and the Vosges sectors will be the great storm centers of the war.

## BELGIANS REORGANIZE

The Belgian army has been completely reorganized and has taken over a sector in Flanders. The first mention of this appeared in the despatches of yesterday which came from the headquarters of a Belgian official despatch. This communiqué said that German storm troops in the regions of Nieport, Dixmude and Merckem attacked in great force and succeeded in gaining a foothold at some points but that later counters which the Belgians launched against the boche were successful and they were expelled from the positions which they had gained at all points along the line. The fighting was hard and bloody and most of it was hand to hand, artillery playing but little part in the engagement. The enemy suffered heavily from machine gun and rifle fire in the charge that gained them temporary control of some trenches and were again badly cut up as they retreated, when driven out.

## AIRCRAFT BUSY

Air activities are told in the various official reports. At Dunkirk British naval planes destroyed five German machines last Thursday and on Sunday brought down five more, London reported.

On Sunday the Italians destroyed five aircraft and on Saturday seven, was the official communiqué from Rome.

Berlin official reports claimed the shooting down of twenty-two Allied aircraft along the Franco-Belgian front but did not state the period of time over which successes had extended.

## On American Front

On the American front in the Lunenburg sector heavy artillery fire was directed against the Americans, especially in the trenches which were taken by American and French troops and have been retained, and the gains consolidated. The American batteries gave back shell for shell and the fire was well directed and effective. American aviators drove off several German aircraft and held them back from again approaching the American lines.

## Casualties Announced

Casualties reported by the war department up to late yesterday afternoon, all of recent occurrence, number 129, fifty dead and seventy-nine wounded.

Of the deaths, eighteen were killed in action, eight died of wounds, nine died through accidents, fourteen of disease and the cause of one death had not been determined.

Of the officers dead, Lieut. John Nor-

## ALL WILL BE OPEN AS TO RUSSIA SENATOR ASSERTS

Lewis Says Wilson May Soon  
Make Announcement—Wash-  
ington Denies Francis Is En  
Route To Japan As Despatch  
From Tokio Says

WASHINGTON, March 19—(Associated Press)—No secret diplomacy will be exercised by the United States in dealing with the Russian situation and any complexities which may arise in Siberia. President Wilson may soon announce the attitude of the United States as to the Russian situation.

After a call at the White House, yesterday, Senator Lewis indicated that it was the intention of the President to soon make clear the position of the United States in regard to the Russian and the Siberian situation.

"One thing of which the people may rest assured," said the senator, "is there is to be no secret diplomacy employed in this matter. All is to be in the clear and perfectly open so far as this country is concerned."

## Francis Heard From

Ambassador Francis has confirmed the despatches that Leon Trotsky heads the "communist" of Petrograd and that the name of "Communists" has been taken by the Bolsheviks.

Despatches from Tokio received yesterday said that Ambassador Francis, the Japanese Ambassador and French and British diplomatic representatives were expected at Seoul yesterday en route to Japan.

The latest reports which the state department has had from Francis were dated from Volodga where he apparently intended to remain. It is believed by the state department, officials said, that the report of his expected arrival at Seoul is a misunderstanding. It is believed he is still at Volodga in the absence of advice to the contrary.

Much interest has recently attached to the whereabouts of the American ambassador. The last information of him given by the Associated Press was that he was at Volodga. Tokio despatches to the Hawaii Shingo said that the American and Japanese and British representatives had arrived at Tokyo and were en route to Japan.

## No Despatch Heard

Enter Tokio despatches to the Hawaii Shingo said that Japan had vigorously protested against the detention of the Japanese ambassador and had demanded his release forthwith and the Japanese were much stirred over his reported detention. There has come no denial to the Japanese papers here of the cable that told of the detention of Francis. On the other hand no information as to his whereabouts had been received from Washington until last night. The first message from him of which any mention has been made in despatches to Honolulu since the cablegram from Tokio was the one in which he is reported to have told of Trotsky heading the "commune."

## WAR COUNCIL MAKES CLEAR ITS STAND

Treaties Exacted By Germany  
From Russia and Rumania  
Will Not Be Recognized

LONDON, March 19—(Associated Press)—Strong condemnation of the political crimes which Germany has committed against Russia and Rumania is contained in a statement which was yesterday issued by the Inter-Allied Supreme War Council. The exaction of Germany against those two unfortunate countries, the despoiling of Russia of a large portion of its territory and the demands upon Rumania are not to be tolerated.

The statement says the treaties between Germany and Russia and between Germany and Rumania will not be recognized as binding treaties so far as the Allies are concerned.

Fighting must go on. We mean to continue the fight to finish once and for all time the policy of plunder and to establish a reign of peace and organized justice to all of the nations of the world, the small as well as the great, the weak as well as the strong.

W. S. S.

## HAVE LITTLE FAITH IN UNSINKABLE SHIPS

WASHINGTON, March 19—(Associated Press)—Naval men express little confidence in any of the plans for "unsinkable ships." They are doubtful of the possibility of making ships unsinkable except at such great cost that it would make it unprofitable financially and only at a great expense of time.

Secretary Daniels is having carefully examined by experts every theory that is presented. As yet they have agreed that none is feasible.

The naval board, it is said, dis-

POPE BENEDICT XV, who is using his efforts to persuade Austro-Germans from their practice of raiding and bombing open cities back of the lines and is asking the Allies to forego raids in reprisal for such enemy acts.



## CUBAN SUGAR CROP WILL NOT BE LARGE

Labor Troubles, Dissatisfaction  
With Price and German  
Propaganda Blamed

NEW YORK, March 19—(Associated Press)—The Cuban sugar crop this year will be unusually short, due to weather conditions, a labor shortage and the dissatisfaction at the price fixed by the international commission, a dissatisfaction agitated and enlarged upon by agents of Germany. This is the news brought here by E. A. Potter, Jr., president of the Finance and Trading Corporation, who has just returned from Cuba. Mr. Potter made a thorough investigation of the Cuban situation for the American government.

W. S. S.

## SINKING SARDINERO SUBJECT OF PROTEST

Switzerland Demands Indemnity  
From Germany

BERNE, March 18—(Associated Press)—Switzerland has sent a note to Germany protesting against and demanding indemnity for the sinking of the Spanish steamer Sardinero which at the time of its destruction was under charter to the Swiss government. The note of protest calls attention to the fact that the vessel was flying a neutral flag, was chartered by one neutral to another neutral and was carrying grain from the United States to a neutral nation. It was the understanding, it is asserted, that this cargo was to be free from interference by Germany and Switzerland alleges that the sinking of the vessel and the destruction of its cargo was in violation of this agreement and the law of nations, a breach of the good faith that Switzerland expected from Germany.

W. S. S.

## FACTORY EXPLOSION KILLS AND MAIMS MANY

PARIS, March 18—(Associated Press)—Sixteen persons were killed and many injured today in an explosion in a factory at La Cour Neuve.

## EGGLESS EASTER PROPOSED Women Urge Food Conservation

WASHINGTON, March 18—(Official)—Easter this year is to be "eggless" if the plans of patriotic women here are observed elsewhere as they will be at the nation's capital. These women say that an "eggless" Easter would mean the saving of at least 60,000,000 eggs. They consider that in war times the custom of colored eggs, egg rolling and similar practices, should be foregone and a waste, usually consequent upon those customs, be eliminated. Mrs. Herbert C. Hoover, wife of the food administrator, and a number of other prominent women are back of the movement.

There will be no annual Easter egg rolling on the White House lawn this year, it has been announced. Long established and pretty as has been the custom, much as it has pleased the children of the city, it has been given up in order that the waste of many eggs may be prevented.

Each year, for many years, the children have journeyed to the White House each Easter for the egg rolling, and to the little folk it has been one of the events of their early lives. Thousands always gather to watch the little ones in their gay attire. But this year is war year and there will be no egg rolling.

It is pointed out that the custom of boiling hard and coloring eggs with dyes or by painting occasions a great waste. That in many instances the eggs are not eaten but serve merely as playthings for children. The food value of the eggs, when every effort is being made to conserve meat and wheat, must be considered. The saving of five million dozen eggs would aid greatly in the conservation campaign.

W. S. S.

## WANTON DESTRUCTION CONDEMNED Acts Are Called Unparalleled Brutality

WASHINGTON, March 19—(Official)—Wanton destruction of unarmed shipping by the Germans is to be protested by the Norwegian shipping association here, it was announced yesterday.

The Norwegian association asserts that last October thirteen neutral vessels were attacked and destroyed by a German cruiser. They were destroyed without warning.

Other instances are cited by the association and will be made a part of the protest. It is asserted that unarmed neutral ships have been ruthlessly shelled by Teuton U-boats and that many men have been killed in such attacks.

The acts are called "of unparalleled brutality."

W. S. S.

## NORWEGIANS ADVISED TO RALLY FOR ALLIES PRESENCE OF SPY IN LINES IS SUSPECTED

NEW YORK, March 19—(Of-  
ficial)—Capt. Raold Amundsen,  
discoverer of the south pole, who  
recently arrived here after a  
trip to Europe and who is now  
planning a seven year trip to  
polar regions, urges all the Nor-  
wegians who are in this country,  
whether naturalized citizens or  
not, to rally around the flag of  
the United States and to give  
their aid to the Allies in the war  
against autocracy.

Previously important telephone wires  
within the American lines were cut.

## POPE SEEKS TO END PRACTISE OF RAIDS UPON OPEN CITIES

Condemns Them Wherever and  
By Whom Made His Secretary  
of State Asserts

If He Is Unable To End Terrible  
War He Would At Least Mitigate  
Its Horrors

ROME, March 19—(Associated Press)—Pope Benedict is earnestly striving to induce the belligerents to cease the bombing of open cities through aerial raids upon them thereby killing scores and maiming hundreds of noncombatants. The announcement of this was made in a statement issued yesterday by the Papal secretary of state, Monsignor Cerretti. He said:

"The holy father condemns and always has condemned such raids no matter where the outrages occurred nor by whom they were committed. It is a cruel and an inhuman policy and its use in civilized warfare is to be deplored."

## WOULD MITIGATE HORRORS

Continuing Monsignor Cerretti says that the Austro-Germans have claimed that such raids seriously weaken the morale of their enemies in the home cities. The Allies have insisted in making such raids in reprisal for those made by the Austro-Germans.

Further speaking for the Pope, his secretary of state says: "The holy father is studying means to alleviate the sufferings this great and frightful war is entailing. He hopes that if he cannot end this awful war at least he may find the means of limiting its horrors."

## MIGHT FOREGO REPRISALS

Despatches received from Paris last night said: PARIS, March 19—(Associated Press)—There has been a revival recently of the discussion concerning the possibility of securing an agreement among the belligerents to forego reprisals, particularly reprisals carried out through air raids, which are productive of no military benefit and which result in death and suffering to so many noncombatants, including women and children.

This is not because the Allies are unable to respond in kind to the unnecessary and murderous German raids against London and Paris, great air fleets of France and Great Britain having repeatedly flown over scores of German cities during the past several months in carrying out raids against munition works and military objects. It is felt, however, that if Germany persists in her repeated violations of the rules of warfare and continues to carry out the raids against French and British civilian centers the Allies will be forced to retaliate in kind and in degree.

## MAY DEBATE SUBJECT

An important debate on this subject, based on inquiries of the intention of the government regarding reprisals for the recent large raid against Paris, appears to be in prospect. This has revived the discussion of securing some agreement with Germany, many believing that this may yet be done. The desired agreement will be to make open towns not in the fighting zone immune from air attack.

## JAPAN'S EMPEROR HONORS AMERICANS

Recognizes Hospitality Shown  
His Representatives and  
Decorates Five

NEW YORK, March 19—(Associated Press)—In recognition of the courtesies extended to the various Japanese missions which have recently visited the Eastern States, the Japanese Emperor has conferred decorations upon five Americans, according to an announcement made at the Japanese consulate general here yesterday. Ex-Mayor Mitchell of this city has been awarded the Third Order of the Rising Sun, with coronet. Judge Elbert Gary, head of the Steel Trust, who has been a foremost advocate of an understanding between the United States and Japan, has been named for the Order of the Sacred Treasure, the highest decoration announced. Ex-Mayor Curley of Boston will receive the Third Order of the Rising Sun; Mayor Burdick of Newport will be given the Third Order of the Sacred Treasure, and Dr. Morton Prince will be decorated, the order being not designated as yet.

W. S. S.

## STAFF MEMBER TO GET EXPERIENCE AT FRONT

WASHINGTON, March 18—(Associated Press)—Maj. Gen. Peyton C. March, chief of staff, has approved plans for the detail of staff officers to France, so that those now at home will be systematically exchanged for those with experience at the front, and the system will ultimately provide a general staff entirely of officers trained abroad.

## THREAT OF GERMANY CAUSES NO ALARM

Teuton Holdings In This Country  
Hundred Fold Greater Than  
American In Germany

WASHINGTON, March 19—(Associated Press)—Little alarm is felt here at the report that Germany may be preparing to take property of citizens of the United States in that country for it is conservatively estimated that German holdings in the United States are a hundred fold greater than are holdings of American citizens in Germany.

The report of Germany's intention to take American property came in despatches from London which said:

Indications that German officials may be preparing to seize American property in Germany are developing. The German foreign office has directed the Spanish and Swiss embassies to transmit notification to the United States that measures against American property, proportionate to action against German property in the United States, will be taken by the German government.

Hitherto, the German foreign office says, Germany has restricted her measures to those "absolutely necessary to prevent enemy property in Germany from being taken out during the war probably for the purpose of benefiting our enemies."

## Heaviest Holders

The International Harvester Company, Standard Oil Company, National Cash Register Company and American Radiator Company have the largest interests in Germany of American individuals or corporations. The Standard Oil Company is known to have been withdrawing its holdings and interests for some time.

The United States has a great advantage over Germany in dealing with the property of citizens of the enemy country.

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